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SUBJECT: EX-PRISONERS MEETING WITH FRELIMO LEADERS

REF: A) LOURENCO MARQUES 344; B) LOURENCO MARQUES 335

1. DIARIO OF MAY 17 REPORTS SIX FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS LEFT MAY 16 FOR DAR ES SALAAM TO CONTACT LEADERS OF FRELIMO CONCERNING PORTUGUESE PEACE OFFERS.

2. GROUP LED BY POET JOSE CRAVEIRINHA AND INCLUDES POET RUI NOGAR, PAINTER MALANGATANA VALENTE, JOSEFATE MACHEL (BROTHER OF FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL), MATIAS BOA, AND ROBERIO DANIEL.

3. GROUP LEFT LOURENCO MARQUES AT 0900 HOURS MAY 16 AND ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM SAME EVENING, VIA MADAGASCAR. JOACHIM CHISSANO REPORTEDLY MET THEM AT DAR AIRPORT.
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RM PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO TRY TO CONVINCE FRELIMO LEADER-
SHIP OF SINCERITY OF JUNTA'S PROPOSAL THAT LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS GIVE UP HOSTILITIES AND SET THEMSELVES UP ON
MOZAMBIQUE TERITORY AS REGULAR POLITICAL PARTIES.

5. APPARENTLY DOMINGOS AROUCA, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED
TO GO TO DAR WITH EX-PRISONERS, BROKE OFF FROM GROUP TO
ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH FRELIMO THROUGH PRESIDENT BANDA OF
MALAWI, PRESUMABLY IN COLLABORATION WITH JORGE JARDIM.
ACCORDING TO EX-PRISONER GROUP, RUMOR REPORTED REF A THAT
AROUCA WOULD BE JOINED IN MALAWI BY CRAVEIRINHA AND ONE
OTHER, WAS REPORTEDLY SPREAD BY MAXIMO DIAS, BUMO PRESIDENT
IN ORDER TO SABOTAGE WHOLE EFFORT. WHETHER TRUE OR NOT, THIS
CAUSED SOME CONFUSION AMONG EX-PRISONER GROUP, WHICH THERE-
UPON DECIDED TO SEND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IMMEDIATELY TO
DAR WITHOUT WAITING FOR ANY INDICATION AS TO WHETHER THEY
WOULD BE RECEIVED.

6. NOT CLEAR WHERE THIS LEAVES AROUCA/JARDIM APPROACH.
PERHAPS EFFORT TO CONTACT FRELIMO THROUGH BANDA'S GOOD
OFFICES WILL CONTINUE PARALLEL TO EX-PRISONER EFFORT IN
DAR. HOWEVER, DISCLAIMER BY SPOKESMAN FOR GENERAL COSTA
GOMES REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS TWO DAYS AGO TO EFFECT THAT
JARDIM WAS NOT SPEAKING ON JUNTA'S BEHALF IN MAKING PUBLIC
PLEA TO BEIRA CITIZENS (REF B), WOULD IMPLY THAT JARDIM
DOES NOT ENJOY SPECIAL FAVOR THESE DAYS, AND MAY BE INTENDED
TO DOWNGRADE HIS EFFORTS AND ALLAY FEARS OF HIS DETRACTORS
THAT HE WILL IN SOME WAY TAKE CHARGE OF EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
ALSO, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE NEW MINISTER FOR INTERTERRITORIAL
COORDINATION, DE ALMEIDA SANTOS, HAS THE INSTINCTIVE DIS-
TRUST OF JARDIM THAT IS ALMOST REFLEX ACTION ON THE PART OF
FORMER OPPOSITIONIST LIBERALS.
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